



Biology Paper 1

Form 3

MARCH EXAMINATION 2021

2 hours

Additional Materials:

- Soft clean eraser
- Soft pencil (type B or HB recommended)

Read these instructions first

This paper contains 36 questions. Answer all questions in the spaces provided.

Do **not** use staples, paper clips, and glue or correction fluid.

Any rough working should be done in the rough work booklet provided.

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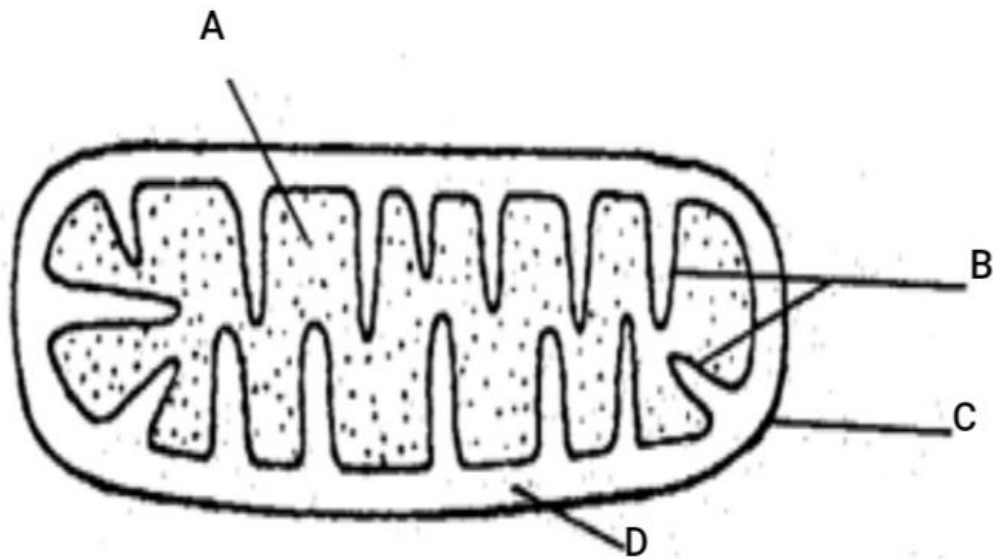
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Read, understand and attempt ALL questions in the spaces provided.

1. State **three** ways in which proteins are important to plants. (3marks)

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2. The diagram below represents a cell organelle.



a) Identify the organelle. (1 mark)

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b) Name the part labelled B. (1 mark)

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c) State the function of the part labelled A (1 mark)

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3. Define binominal nomenclature.(1mark)

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4. Name any **two** problems that animal species overcome by their dispersion. **(2marks)**

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5. Explain why tropical forests do not have undergrowth.**(2marks)**

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6. How is blood pressure generated and maintained in a vein. **(2marks)**

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7. What is the function of catalase? **(2marks)**

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8. (a) State the important of cross-pollination to flowering plants. (1mark)

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(b) How is self-pollination a disadvantage to flowering plants? (1mark)

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9. What is the role of light energy in autotrophic nutrition in spermatophyte? (2 marks)

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10. How is fur important to desert animal, other than in the regulation of their body temperature?(1 mark)

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11. What are the functions of named product of white blood cells?(3 marks)

(a) Antitoxin

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(b) Agglutinin

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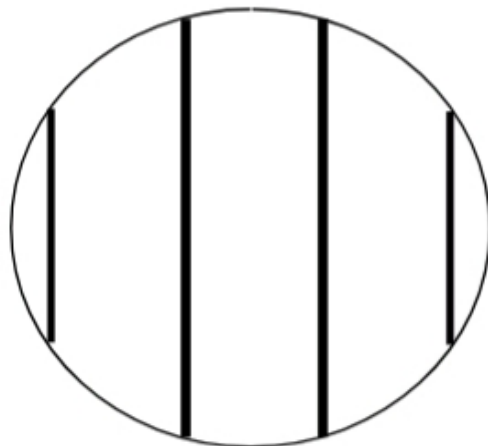
(c) Lysin

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12. Explain **three** adaptations of cardiac muscles to their function. (3 marks)

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13. A form one student trying to estimate the size of onion cells observed the following on the microscope's field of view



(a) Define the term resolving power.(1 mark)

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(b) If the student counted 20 cells across the field of view calculate the size of one cell in micrometres.(2marks)

14. What is tidal volume in ventilation in man? (1mark).

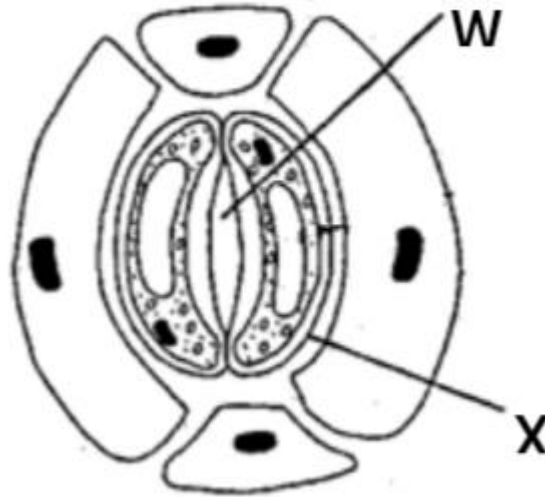
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15. Define peristalsis and state its importance in the nutrition of mammals.(2 marks)

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16. The diagram below shows part of plant tissue.



Name cell labelled X and part labelled W. (2 marks)

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W _____

17. Why is the liver part of the digestive system? (2 marks)

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18. State the importance of cytoplasmic filaments in sieve tube elements. (1 mark)

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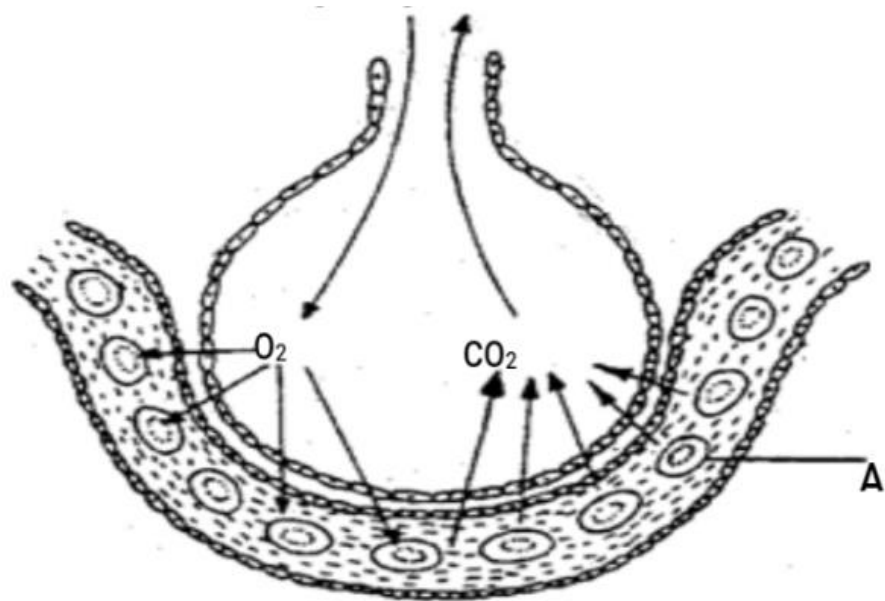
19. State any two characteristics of populations. (2marks)

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20. Describe any two functions of mitosis? (2 marks)

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21. The diagram below shows the exchange of gases in alveolus.



(a) State how the alveoli are adapted to their function.(3 marks)

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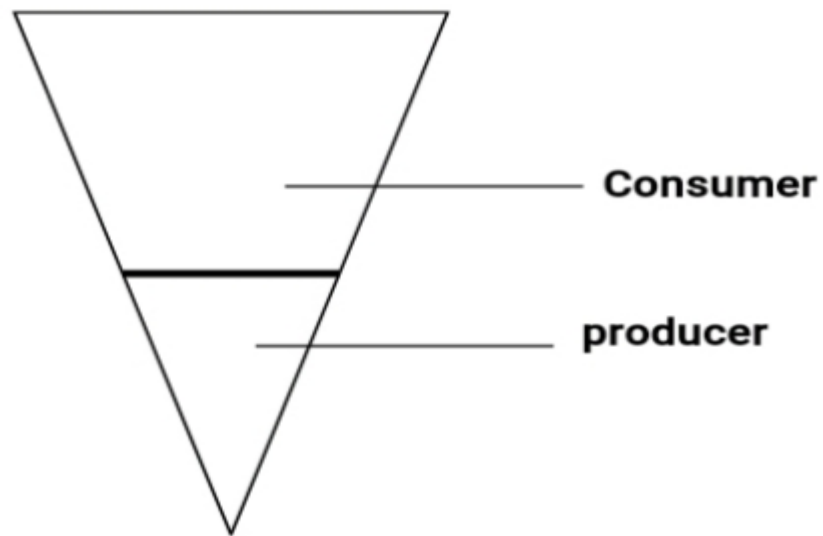
(b) Name the cell labelled A.(1 mark)

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22. What are the external conditions needed, by root hair cells, for the uptake of mineral salts ions from the soil? (2 marks)

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23. The diagram below represents a pyramid of biomass derived from a certain ecosystem.



(a) Suggest the type of ecosystem from which the pyramid was derived.(1mk)

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(b) State the significance of short food chains in an ecosystem.(1mk)

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24. Suggest **two** reasons for the appearance of glucose in the urine of a man. (2 marks)

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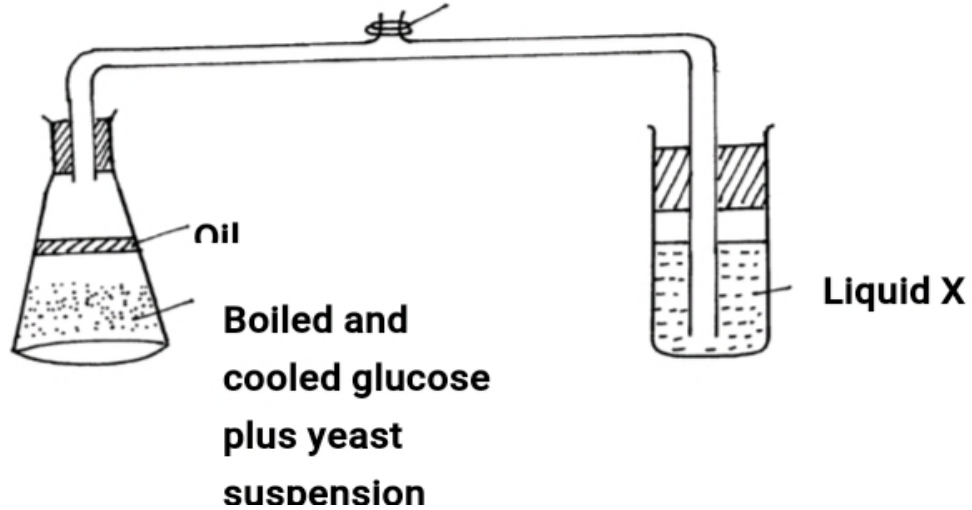
25. (a) State the source Carbon (IV) oxide in aquatic ecosystems.(2 marks)

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(b) State the importance of Carbon (IV) oxide to aquatic ecosystems. (2 marks)

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26. The set up below shows apparatus to demonstrate a certain biological process.



(a) What biological process was being investigated in the experiment.(1mk)

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(b) Write down a word equation that represents the reaction above.(1mk)

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(c) In the above set up, why was it important to boil and cool glucose before adding yeast.(1mk)

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27. What is the homeostatic importance of cuticles of leaves?(2marks)

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28. Outline two functions of parenchyma cells in herbaceous plants.(2 marks)

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29. What is the important of diffusion to red blood cells? (2marks)

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30. The diagrams below show a pair of homologous chromosomes. Study them and answer the questions that follow.



(i) State the phenomenon shown above. (1mk)

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(ii) What is the genetic significance of the phenomenon above? (2mks)

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31. Account for the thick wall and narrow lumen of an artery. (2marks)

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32. How do pathogens that enter the body through the respiratory tract in man prevented from causing diseases?(1mark)

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33. Where does the detoxification of ammonia take place in mammals? (1mark)

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34. Name the processes that take place in the grana of chloroplast.(2marks)

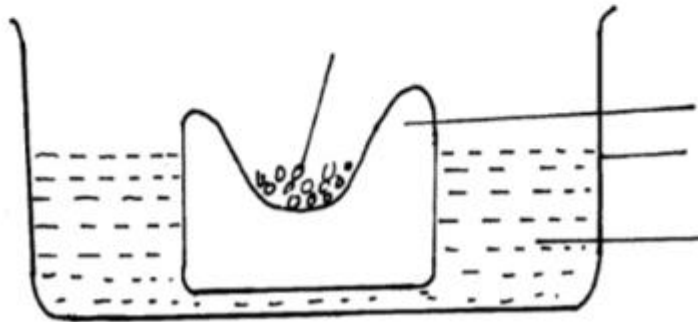
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35. The experiment illustrated below was set up to investigate a certain physiological process using a raw tuber.

**Concentrated
glucose solution**

**Raw potato tuber
Trough**

**Distilled
water**



(a) Suggest a possible physiological process that was being investigated.(1mk)

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(b) Explain the results obtained in the above experiment after a few hours.(2mks)

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(c) State the observations that would have been made if the experiment was repeated using boiled potato.(2mks)

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36. Name the causative organism of the following diseases

(i) Malaria.(1mk)

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(ii) Bilharzia. (1mk)

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